

1 AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Guard Youth Challenge Program.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 36 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Kentucky Guard Youth Challenge Program is hereby established within the*
6 *Department of Military Affairs to serve as the state's program for participation in*
7 *the National Guard Youth Challenge Program established in 32 U.S.C. sec. 509*
8 *or any successor program. The program shall establish at least one (1) campus*
9 *for program operations and may establish additional campuses as funding and*
10 *demand allow. The program shall serve as an alternative education program that*
11 *serves each school district in the Commonwealth.*

12 *(2) The Kentucky Guard Youth Challenge Program shall be designed to align and*
13 *comply with federal statute and administrative regulations for the National*
14 *Guard Youth Challenge Program and associated guidance provided by the United*
15 *States Department of Defense.*

16 *(3) The Kentucky Guard Youth Challenge Program shall be under the direction of*
17 *the adjutant general or designee. The adjutant general or designee shall:*

18 *(a) Appoint a director of the Kentucky Guard Youth Challenge Program to*
19 *oversee the daily management of the program; and*

20 *(b) Adopt a strategic plan for the program's schools to ensure continuous*
21 *improvement.*

22 *(4) For purposes of the school assessment and accountability system established in*
23 *KRS Chapter 158, the Kentucky Department of Education shall, through policy*
24 *or the promulgation of an administrative regulation, provide that the time each*
25 *student is participating in the program is attributable to the district sending the*
26 *student to participate in the program.*